

# The Rattler's Plea

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A bevy of young folk were curiously watching a wire-meshed cage full of rattle-snakes. Suddenly the snakes rose to attention and their leader thus addressed his audience:—

“It is true that in our wild state we did do some damage. But the mischief we occasioned was not due to our tails, but our environment. Anyway we have quite reformed. We give you our word, if you would only re-Christen us the old nature would completely vanish with the old name. Just let us out and try the experiment.”

Thus say the Brewers and Distillers—the driving force back of the Moderationists.

**And do you believe them?**

In the last 100 years there have been literally hundreds of bills in our Parliament and Legislatures, that aimed to lessen the home-horrors wrought by the use of liquor. Which of these did the Brewers and Distillers and liquor vendors, support?

**NOT ONE!!**

They fought the prohibition of sale to minors, to drunkards, on Sundays and holidays, at Fairs, near schools and every other effort to safe-guard the homes of this Province.

Now they say—"Under a new name—Government Sale—you can safely let us out amongst the people."

### **That Lie Nailed.**

They have had Government Sale in Manitoba for two and half years. **W. D. Bayley, Labor Member for Assiniboia,** said recently in the Manitoba Legislature, that he listed the following among the effects of Government Control:

"Illicit sale common in cities and towns and admittedly impossible to check under the present law.

"**Drinking, and a degree of intoxication, common at young people's parties, high school and college functions, and hotel dances—in all parts of the Province.**

"**Drinking on the part of teen-age boys and girls a wide-spread menace.**

"Homes formerly free of liquor being gradually brought into the circle of liquor users. Men dismissed from employment because of intoxication.

"Evidence continually accumulating of the relationship between liquor and sexual vice."

The new name has not changed the nature of the "Drink Rattlers."

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